

POLONIA GETS TOP DEFENDER

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Marek Konopka, Polonia's long-awaited newcomer from Poland, arrived in Melbourne on Monday.

Konopka will be in the team to meet South Melbourne-Hellas in their Dockerty Cup clash at Middle Park on Sunday.

Thirty years old, Konopka started his career with Polish club Garbania at the age of nine and played in the senior team for 14 years.

He also represented Poland in the B team against Rumania in 1960, and was a regular in the Krakow representative team.

A centre half, Konopka has the credentials to match George Kinnell's reputation in Victorian soccer.

Garbania was champion of Poland twice and once runner-up. Konopka played in the championship team of 1956.

He was only 16 at the time, yet a first team regular.

Asked what his greatest experience has been, he said, "I will always remember the time we beat Gornik 3-2 in the quarter-finals of the Polish Cup in 1967."

BEATEN IN SEMI.

Unfortunately the team was later beaten in the semi-final by Third Division club Rakow Czestochowa.

Of the 14 years Konopka was with Garbania, the team spent two seasons in First Division and the rest in Second Division.

This year it missed out on promotion by one point.

During his long career in Poland, he played against many of the stars who made their mark in Australia. Among them are former Polonia players Gajda, Gadecki and Swoboda, current Polonia players Zurawski, Widera and Litwin and former Polonia Sydney champion Galeczka, who represented Poland 20 times after returning home.

He has also played against Polonia coach Kaz Kowalec, who used to be with LKS.

Konopka is here on a two year contract and says he would be pleased to coach Polonia's juniors during his stay.

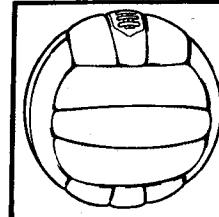
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Coaching switch at 'Cross

Tommy Robertson has been recalled from Lions to coach George Cross.

Robertson, who was captain-coach of George Cross last season, was transferred to Lions about three months ago as part payment for Jimmy Smart.

Robertson's nephew Jimmy also made the switch to the Essendon club.

Ken Patterson, who has coached the Cross since the beginning of the season was sacked after Sunday's match against Ringwood City.

Club secretary Joe Bartolo said this week the Cross felt it might achieve better results under a new coach.

Robertson, 35, was bought by George Cross from Hakoah about four years ago.

He had previously been a professional in the Scottish First Division.

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Fourth in a series on the iron defenders of the State League



George Kinnell (right), in the right place at the right time during Juventus' recent game against Hakoah.

KINNELL THE GREAT

Since arriving from England last year, George Kinnell has become the dominant figure in Victorian soccer.

His professionalism, his cool faultless defending, his perfect timing, his uncanny anticipation and his organising ability on the field has made him the backbone of Juventus and the driving force of the Victorian State team.

On Sunday he played with an injury against Polonia. He was quiet for most of the game but when Polonia went ahead 2-1 there he was helping score a goal and salvage at least one point.

Kinnell has taken apart the top forwards in Victoria. The game against Footscray J.U.S.T. comes to mind, in which he ruthlessly demoralised both Branko Buljevic and Slobodan Zoraja to lead his side to a 3-0 victory.

Against top overseas teams, he is always among Victoria's best players. In fact he has been one of the few shining lights in a State team suffering from a lack of talent.

Professional

Kinnell has behind him an 11-year career as a professional player in England and Scotland.

Starting with Aberdeen in 1958, he transferred to Stoke City in 1963, then



George Kinnell

had seven weeks with Oldham Athletic at centre forward before moving to Sunderland, where he was appointed captain.

Later he had a short spell with Middlesborough before coming to Australia.

A cousin of Ian Baxter - one of the finest footballers Scotland has produced - Kinnell is also a qualified coach and says he will take up coaching in State League when his playing days are over.

But that won't be for quite a while. Although 33 years old, he's still the best defender in Australia, and could easily play for the national team.

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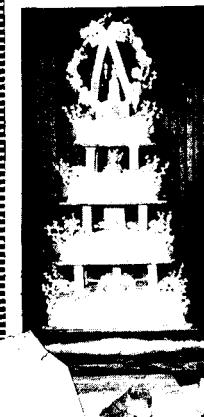
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In the AUSTRALIAN last Wednesday, leading sports writer PAT FARRELL told of the way the World Cup converted him to soccer. The article packed so much punch that Soccer News has decided to reprint it in full.

AUSTRALIA MUST AIM AT MUNICH

For all the help it will be, you may welcome to the fold, one brand new Soccer fan . . . another Australian who now can't wait for the day when we can have a team in the World Cup.

Whatever Australia may achieve at Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, on the cricket fields, or however many world champions we make in man-to-man battles, we will not come of age until we taste the magic of a try for the World Cup.

On Sunday night, in London, the BBC gravely informed us that we were part of a television audience of 800 million people who watched, live and in color, the utterly fantastic game that was Brazil's 4-1 defeat of Italy in the 1970 final at Mexico City.

Eight hundred million ... that's not a bad crowd. Not a bad figure at all, for Australia, the youngest, cockiest and bravest of all the sport nations, to aim for.

It's what might be called The Big Time.

When a man whose business is sport has to walk away from a game wondering if, or when, he previously saw anything so marvellous, he knows he can never ignore that sport again.

Only last December, I remember writing how Soccer had always failed me. I had found a litany of faults about it and they all came flooding back to memory in that funeral flop of a match in Sydney, when Israel thwarted Australia's hope of going to Mexico.

I wrote the match down, and angered a lot of you by putting Soccer down as a game like chess without chairs.

But that won't be for quite a while. Although 33 years old, he's still the best defender in Australia, and could easily play for the national team.

I take it back today and apologise. If it is not too late, I want to join you in Australia with the most exciting dream in sport ... to get a team into the World Cup play-offs in Munich four years hence.

All through that wonderful match on Sunday night, one thought kept recurring:

"Farrell, you nut," I muttered, "if you are really an Australian you

would give away all the good things sport ever gave you, just to polish the boots of the man, or men, who could take an Australian team to this peak of splendor."

What masters they are, these bronze Brazilians. Laid alongside the things they can do, I wonder if all our previous sports accomplishments aren't very, very puny.

Pele, a black magician who can make hundreds of millions gasp every time a ball rolls near his feet — the world of Soccer has spent 12 years at the drawing boards, moulding defence patterns that will stop him. Great brains have framed the tactics and great footballers carry them out.

But, just one tiny tear in the curtain is all he needs, just one flick of a chance, then, the Black Pearl of Brazil is in ... with his feet or his head, for a shot as swift and deadly as the strike of a cobra.

They tore Italy's famed defence to pieces. Pele and his mates, Tostao, Jair, Gerson, Alberto and Rivelino.

Their footwork stupefied even the television viewers. Heaven knows how those gallant, devoted Italian players felt about it.

For six weeks, here in England, we have had the World Cup served by the truck load for breakfast, lunch and dinner. No sporting event of my time has had such vast coverage.

It was all over France, too, a couple of weekends ago ... television exposure immense and technically wonderful ... every paper screaming in agony or joy. A man could read and appreciate without knowing any European language.

In Australia, we are still in the incubus of international football. There is nothing, nothing at all, in the parochial adherence we have for the Rugby or Australian

Rules, to compare with what will come if we ever cross the portals of World Cup Soccer.

Of course, we may be 20 years away from the glory that was Brazil and Italy at the weekend. We would not dare to think beyond Munich and 1974.

But just to be there, for one or two matches and then elimination, will be enough. There will be massive credit, even in that.

We have shown the world some memorable achievements in sport. In tennis, swimming, women's athletics, boxing, and in many other fields of endeavor. We have scaled to the top from further back than Soccer is now.

We can make it in Soccer, too. I think ... and I hope I'm alive and healthy the day we do.

Much money will have to be spent, though, if we are to have players even 10 per cent as great as

Pele or the world's record transfer-fee footballer, the Italian, Boninsegna.

Boninsegna switched clubs in Italy last year for a fee of \$1,350,000 and one way and another, he has a football income of more than \$200,000 a year.

And, you may have enjoyed a story told during the British television's world cup final coverage, by Malcolm Allison, the former England international who, for a time, coached the Italian club, Juventus.

"Two of the Italian players had cost us \$90,000 to buy, and I had the cheapest one we had cost \$382,500," said Allison.

"And this day," he continued, "we were being beaten 2-0 and the president of Juventus said to me: 'Malcolm, it's obvious we need new players. We'll have to throw some of this rubbish out and get some new men, quickly.'"

Ninth defeat

When the West Germans suffered their 3-4 defeat by Italy in the greatest World Cup semi-final on record, it wasn't a new experience for them.

Of their 14 matches since 1923, Italy has won nine, West Germany two and two have been drawn.

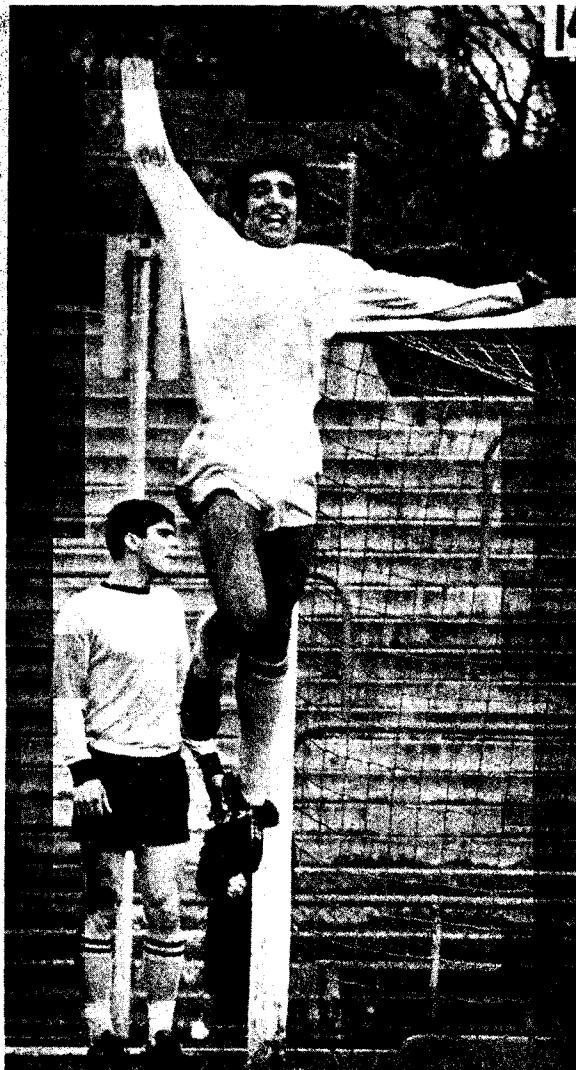
The record is:

1923 (Milan): Italy 3, Germany 1.
1924 (Duisburg): Italy 1, Germany 0.
1929 (Turin): Italy 1, Germany 2.
1930 (Frankfurt): Italy 2, Germany 0.
1933 (Bologna): Italy 3, Germany 1.
1936 (Berlin): Italy 2, Germany 2.
1939 (Florence): Italy 3, Germany 5.
1939 (Berlin): Italy 2, Germany 5.
1940 (Milan): Italy 3, Germany 2.
1955 (Stuttgart): Italy 3, West Germany 2.
1955 (Rome): Italy 2, West Germany 1.
1962 (Santiago): Italy 0, West Germany 0.
1965 (Hamburg): Italy 1, West Germany 1.
1970 (Toluca): Italy 4, West Germany 3.

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I've done it! Ulysses Kokkinos jumps for joy after scoring his second goal against Alexander. His opponent "Babe" Valtisanis looks downhearted.

Ermstrang now a life member

St. Kilda president, Peter Ermstrang was made first life member of Seymour Soccer Club at a glittering ball last Saturday.

In 1957 Mr. Ermstrang was the major force in forming the Seymour club.

He was president for five years and then moved to St. Albans where he was, again, a key figure in the rise of the St. Albans club.

Last year he took over the reins of Third Division side St. Kilda.

Under Peter's guidance, Seymour entered Metropolitan soccer

and were in second division when the Federation decided to exclude country clubs from the competition.

Seymour joined the Goulburn, Murray Association, where they stayed until joining the North East Federation, two years since.

Saturday's ball, was the culmination of a fund raising effort, which produced \$1,000 for club expenses.

Qantas leads way

Qantas, the soccer airline, heads the list of international departures from the newly-opened Tullamarine jetport.

After Prime Minister Gorton declared the airport open on Wednesday, Qantas' "City of Bendigo" left at 5 p.m. for London via the United States.

Initially, Qantas has scheduled 12 flights weekly from Melbourne. The flights will serve England, Fiji, Greece, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Italy, India, New Zealand, the Philippines,

Singapore, Thailand and the United States.

Overseas teams visiting Australia have always chosen Qantas and with Dynamo Zagreb of Yugoslavia and St. Pauli of Germany expected to visit Australia within the next seven months, this famous Australian airline will again work hand in hand with Melbourne's soccer fraternity.



Alexander full back Taki Xanthopoulos.



The opposing number sevens at Olympic Park on Sunday — Markus Karapatsos of Alexander (left) and Jimmy Pyrgolios of Hellas (right). Coming in for a sliding tackle is Alan Rutherford of Hellas.

HE WANTED TOO MUCH MONEY

Onoufrios Melitis, the Greek import who quit Alexander and returned home recently, had asked the club for \$60 a week plus bonuses, said Alexander official Arthur Nicolaides this week.

Mr. Nicolaides added Melitis had not been willing to work.

"Melitis was looked after by the club the way our other players were," he said.

"But we would not meet his demands. Our club does not have stars. We don't believe in it. All we want is a bunch of good boys."

"Everyone who puts on an Alexander jumper is equal in the eyes of the club," he said.

"Therefore, Melitis merited no special consideration."

Linkman Aris Bligouras here for Alexander

Bligouras arrived from Perth this week to join Fitzroy Alexander.

Bligouras, 24, has played for PAOK and Makedonikos in Greece.

He came to Australia a few months ago and will be in Alexander's line-up against Lions at Olympic Park on Saturday.

RICE IS BACK

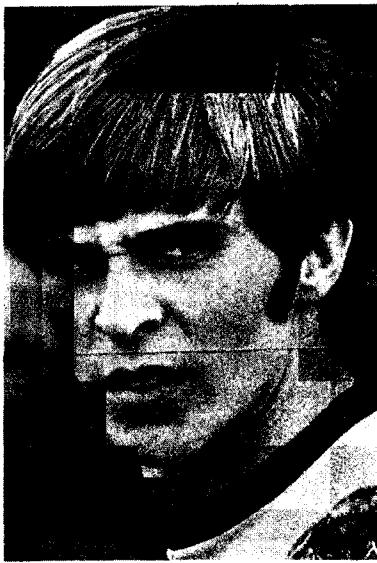
Footscray J.U.S.T. stopper Billy Rice is back after a three-months absence.

Rice, a former international and State team regular has been playing in the reserve for the past two weeks.

Out of the game because he had been away on Holidays, Rice is determined to regain his fitness and Footscray coach Lou Brocic is confident of having him back in the first team within the next three weeks.

Adams team

Employees of the Herbert Adams Cakes Company, are planning to start a soccer team.



Alexander right winger Markus Karapatsos — his first game for many weeks against Hellas.

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Juventus goalkeeper Jack Reilly begins a new weekly series in which State League players express opinions on all aspects of the game.

There's

After 13 months in Australia I can see terrific scope for soccer in this country.

Australia is young and so is Australian soccer. It can do nothing but grow. But this growth is being delayed by the many faults in the way soccer is being run.

In all aspects of the game — spectators, administrators, players — you find elements working against the good of the sport.

The spectators, for instance, are the first to complain about the standard of the game and the type of players we have.

They are willing to criticize but theirs is criticism for its own sake.

They must put up with the standard and continue to attend matches for it will be at least four or five years before we build up enough cash to improve the standard.

Coaches

Administrators should stick to administering the game and leave the playing to the players and above all the coaches.

The coach should have sole responsibility or he will not be successful. How would administrators react if coaches were to butt into their affairs?

There is an urgent need for more good coaches. We need young, intelligent, keen men who are willing to give everything to get the game off the ground.

And we must get them from overseas.

Some coaches in Melbourne are too willing to take money and give nothing in return.

We need men like Zvonimir Basic who gives everything he's got and is always trying to increase his knowledge and we need men like Juventus coach, Tony Boggi, who is three times as keen as most others.

Players too, need to give a lot more. There must be 10 good teams in

scope but...

State League, not three.

The attitude of our players is wrong. Eighty per cent of them are trying to take as much as possible out and put nothing back.

The importing of players must stop.

When you import players, you usually get third-rate, or those who are getting too old.

It's a short-term policy that is dragging down the standard of soccer, instead of lifting it.

A rule should be introduced to force each club to field in its senior team at least four local players. This type of long-term planning will provide a lot of good players for the future.

People will continue to come to Australia from abroad and the fact that local players are in our teams won't keep them away from matches.

Clubs must become realistic and realize they cannot afford to import players. Most of the clubs are living on a shoestring!

Clubs must also stop being parochial.

The attitude of withholding players from the State team is nonsense.

If the clubs want club soccer to improve they must first improve soccer on a State level. It should be every player's ambition to play for the State yet many clubs do not think so.

Schools

Schools are probably the most important source of future players so it is the Federation's responsibility to promote school soccer.

The Federation should, for example, be sending top State League players to lecture at schools and give demonstrations.

It's all right sending coaches but youngsters want to see players they can go and watch on the weekends.

Footscray 1 Melbourne 1

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This was a game of missed opportunities, with Footscray suffering most from the mistakes.

In the second half, when Footscray dominated, striker Slobodan Zoraja missed at least four sitters from point blank range.

In the first half, during which Melbourne dominated, Ray Pocock had three good chances.

Footscray wrecked its hopes of victory by overdoing its short-passing game and by placing team work a poor second to individualism.

Alistair Scott defence was most of his time spent, to guard Zoraja, so Melbourne's midfield suffered.

But Footscray failed to take advantage of it, with Frank Micic trying to play the game by himself.

A poor clearance by Geoff Evans went to Istvan Keri in the 26th minute and his shot beat Micks Fode, and bounced into the net off the inside of the crossbar.

The goal cost Fode his place and he was replaced at half time by Jimmy Milišavjević, who performed like a star.

Footscray coach Lou Brocic said after the game, "That goal was the turning point. We had been on top but the goal wrecked our morale for the rest of the first half."

Indeed, Melbourne won every ball, playing with superb confidence. Billy Rogers was excelling in attack, contesting every ball and looming as a constant threat to the Footscray goal.

But the game changed after the break, with Footscray winning the midfield mainly due to the attacking play of Utjenescovic.

The State right back had been making as many mistakes as his team mates but had been beating Bleskany with relative ease.

Now he darted along the wing in great style and was responsible for the cross that Micic headed home to equalise.

Votes:

Footscray: 3. Utjenescovic, 2. Ruzmir, 1. Milišavjević.

Melbourne: 3. Gerrard, 1. Rogers, 1. Juhasz.

TEAMS:

POLOMIA: Litwin, Knot, Olinowski, Marmur, Szewca, Czaplinski, Gajewski, Widera (inj.), sub. Kowalec, Kaz, Kowalec, Manager: Reno Guarini.

JUVENTUS: Reilly, Delta Rocca, Keri, Arvelo, Lakey, McFadie, Goodwin, Frost, B. Thompson, DeMarchi, Coach: Tony Boggi.

Players: Poloni, 3. Olinowski, 2.

Czapinski, 1. Szewca, 2. Juhasz, 3. Goodwin, 2. Irvine, 1. Salay.

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(Kokkinos, 14, 63;
Mangopoulos (A)
67)

A lively attacking performance by Ulysses Kokkinos brought victory to South Melbourne Hellas, in the all-Greek battle at Olympic Park.

His speed was too much for Valtisanis and had he not hung on to the ball so long, more goals might have come.

He sent in one scorching drive, early in the game which flashed narrowly over the bar.

Jimmy Pyrgolios played well in the link role and an astute pass from him was lashed into the net to give the Middle Park side an early lead.

Stung by this reverse, Alexander struck back and from an astute lobbed free kick by Xanthopoulos, Jimmy Mangopoulos hit a post.

Kriaris then met a clearance, first time to crash the ball against the underside of the cross-bar.

Kokkinos took Hellas to a two goal lead when newcomer John Marshall accepted a short corner from Ernie Ackery and lashed the ball into the goal-mouth.

Kokkinos rose high to head in a beauty.

Four minutes later an astute happening on the other end gave Mangopoulos the opportunity to head in for Alexander.

Alexander lacked the sparkle they have shown in recent games.

Marshall has the mark of a star for Hellas.

I He reads a game well, passes accurately and switches play cleverly.

Hellas are not running smoothly yet but players like Kelly, Walker and Rutherford showed to advantage and did many good things.

Steve Walker kept a close watch on Jimmy Mangopoulos who worked hard but did not move as freely as normal.

An inept display by referee George Pedlar marred the game for both teams' supporters. His impartiality was never in doubt, his competence often.

TEAMS:

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Makin, McLachlan, Sanchez, Ricks, Pygall, Ward, Smart, Walker, Gardiner, Epifano.

RINGWOOD CITY: Van Edmund, Bailey, Ben, Pygall, Ward, Adam, Campbell (sub. Edgley), Butt, Pye, Spierekermann, Villiers, Vales, George Cross, 3.

Friedeberg, 2. Pyde, 1. Gardner, Ringwood City, 3. Ward, 2. Pygall, 1. Van Egmond.

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Melbourne's under 12's are junior Peles



Melbourne's Under 12s, from left, standing: Frank Palinkas, Vladimir Slavnik, Glen Reilly, John Erdley, Lou Szantho, Chris Hemstrom, Justin Butterfield. Front: Jim Vider, Duncan Cummings, Attila Szendrassy, Carl Reiner, Zoltan Csaki and goalkeeper Joe Kiss. Standing behind the boys is coach George Buttas.

One hundred and eight goals scored, none conceded — that's the phenomenal record of Melbourne's Under 12s.

But it's old hat to these Peles of junior soccer.

Last year they trampled the opposition in the same way, winning the big freble league championship, super league and Victorian Cup.

This year they've been scoring victories like 20-0, 18-0, 15-0 and so on.

On Sunday they trounced Croatia 16-0, with Duncan Cummings and Zoltan Csaki each scoring six and Justin Butterfield and Lou Szantho netting two apiece.

Cummings and Szantho are the team's top scorers. Cummings has a total of

about 50 while Szantho's notched up about 40.

Cummings' greatest achievement to date has been scoring 13 of Melbourne's 20 goals against Seaford.

Team coach George Buttas is concentrating on making his players as flexible as possible. Because he gives the boys a chance of playing in many different positions during each game, the boys have now become equally as powerful all over the field.

• More news about Melbourne is on page 8.

THREE CLUBS START MINI-LEAGUE

Ringwood City-Wilhelmina, Waverley and Doncaster Rovers will on Saturday kick off their own mini-league for Under nines.

To the editor

Thank you very much for bringing out the "Junior Soccer News" and for the wonderful job you are doing for junior soccer in Victoria.

It gives us great pleasure to see the glimmer in the eyes of the youngsters, while reading about themselves or finding their pictures in the Junior Soccer News.

I'm sure the Junior Soccer News will replace some old wallpaper in many boys' bedrooms and clubrooms.

Looking forward to the following editions.

**Yours faithfully,
Mrs. R. Linhart,
Secretary,
St. Albans Juniors.**

The first game is between Doncaster and Waverley.

Mrs. Brenda Masters, secretary of Ringwood City juniors said this week the new league had been formed to provide games for the many boys who have been sitting on the sidelines.

She said Ringwood had so many under nines that as many as 30 boys have not been able to play.

"At the start of the season we all thought we wouldn't have enough boys," she said.

"But now we have so many that next year, we will probably field two under nine teams and one for under eights."

Ringwood, Doncaster and Waverley are each contributing towards a trophy which will be presented to the champion of the mini-league at the end of the season.

Mrs. Masters said the three clubs would be glad to hear from other clubs who might be able to enter a team.

"We want to keep the interest of these boys," she said. "Some are only five or six but they'll make up the teams of tomorrow."

The mini-league is holding all its games on Saturdays.

Mrs. Masters can be contacted on 87-1939.

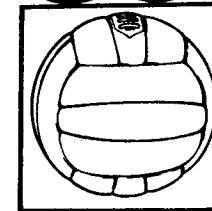
IT'S A BOOM IN GEELONG

Another example of the Soccer boom in Geelong is given this week, with the announcement of a "round robin" tournament involving all the high schools in Geelong, to be played on the grounds of Corio and Bell Park, on July 2 and 9.

This is a notable advance for the round ball code and merits all the support Geelong District can give it.

The schools have organised the competition themselves.

JUNIOR SOCCER NEWS



THE VOICE OF SOCCER
IN VICTORIA



Footscray-J.U.S.T.'s Under 14 team, before its recent Cup game against Bayswater, from left, standing: Igor Mukavec, Ilijia Dimitrijevski, Zeljko Mihocak, Lucio Milan, Ristovski, Mende Ristovski, Steve Anastasovski, Viktor Kostromin, Dragutin Novak, Stefan Roszczenko, Michael Jovic.

St. Albans postpones mums v. dads match

St. Albans has had to postpone its fund-raising game between the fathers and mothers of its juniors.

The match was scheduled for last Sunday at Churchill Reserve, but the ground became unavailable when Keilor City and Elwood Austria staged its Dockerty Cup replay there.

The new date for the charity match will be announced soon.

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John Brown, secretary of Brighton Juniors, has recruited two teams by advertising in his local paper.

A Total of 18 youngsters has been signed on this season, including the team's secret weapon "The Rocket".

However, the boys urgently need transport, and are appealing to fathers to lend a hand.

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Wangaratta, which has long been a force in the North-East, has hit a bad patch with its senior team.

But the club's juniors

are currently leading the thriving junior competition of the Association.

Currently they head the ladder and have conceded only three goals in 10 games.

The North-East Association is keenly interested in the development of juniors and the competition is expected to extend in 1971.

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Many boys answered George Cross' S.O.S. in

Junior Soccer News last week but more players from six to 10 are still required.

They are asked to report to training at Princes Park from Sunday morning at 10.30.

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Sandringham hopes to participate in the Linnell Cup competition later in the year but needs more under 14's to do so.

They need no introduction



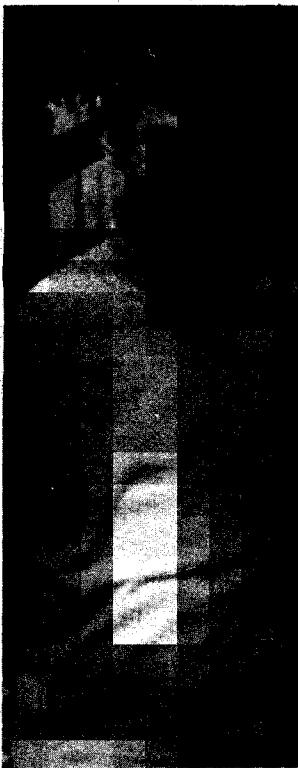
ARTHUR GONGIS

Centre-half, captain of Hakoah's Under 16's. Has had games with the Thirds.



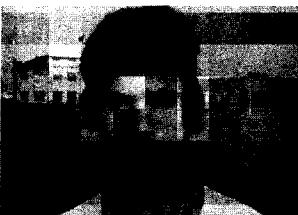
LJUBO UNKOVIC

Born 11th December, 1954, in Korcula, Croatia, Ljubo arrived in Australia in 1967 and joined Croatia's juniors in 1968. Well-built, he is a good ball-player, can shoot with either foot, and reads the game well.



FRANK MUSSEL

Born in Trieste, Italy, Frank came to Australia in 1957 and joined Sunshine City's under 10's in 1963. Moving progressively through the ranks, he won many trophies and is now in the senior team, although only 15 years old. Also plays for Victoria and for Sunshine's unbeaten under 16's.



MANI SPITERI

Born in Birkirkara, Malta, and started playing with Birkirkara at the age of 14. Joined Sunshine City December, 1969, and has played three senior games. Played for Victoria this year.



ARIS SEREMEDIS

Hakoah centre forward. Plays regularly with the Thirds and has played with the reserves. Was chosen for the State under 16 team this year, and was one of its best players.

Boys like Frank Mussel, Aris Seremedis and Mani Spiteri

They are among the most promising juniors in Victoria talent by winning many honors.

These and the other boys on this page are on the thresh-
old of fame.

All have the potential for greatness. All they need now is
for hard work and good coaching.



DAVID HULL

Born in England in June, 1954, David learned his soccer kicking a ball around on the green outside his house and later at school, eventually finding his way into the school team.

He came to Australia in 1968 and joined Karingal United at the beginning of the '69 season and soon made his mark as a firm and positive defender.

This year he is captain and centre half of the U.17's, and plays the role of sweeper in defence and linkman in attack. He is a most consistent player and has yet to play a poor game for Karingal.

If he continues to improve he should have quite a future in soccer. His immediate ambition is to earn a place in a Victorian side.



JOSIP PICIOANE

Seventeen years old, and coached with squad by Lou Brocic. Excellent ball player, fast Regular Reserve player and occasionally appears for the team. With Footscray since 1964.



JOHN MLINAREVIC

Born 27-4-1954 in Karlovac, Croatia, John joined Hakoah this year and has proved a dangerous forward in his first five matches with the Under 17's against Heidelberg, he scored four.

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Footscray First team
and accurate kick-
s with the Under 17



and Croatia early
scoring 11 goals
in a Cup game

RINGWOOD THE BIG TIMERS

The juniors of Ringwood City Wilhelmina have a reputation as being among the best in Victoria.

Take the Under 14's and Under 16's — both are top of their respective ladders, with the Under 14's having conceded only one goal.

Success isn't new to Ringwood.

Last year the Under 10's won the junior Cup, beating Karingal 3-1 in the final, with Graham Masci, Terry Masters and Alan Irving scoring the goals.

To add to the club's big-time reputation, Ringwood's Under 12's last year tackled Tasmania at Jubilee Park in one of the few junior interstate matches played in Melbourne.

And still the club is going from strength to strength.

This year 20 boys have been registered under the age of nine.

One of the best known youngsters is eight-year-old Nicholas Edgley, who last week scored a hat-trick against Waverley.

Nicholas is the son of Ringwood's senior captain-coach, Brian Edgley.



Ringwood's Under 12 team poses before last year's match against Tasmania at Jubilee Park.



Goalkeeper Stephen Valentine gets set for an easy one from a Tasmanian forward.



Ringwood and Tasmania got acquainted before the big game.



It's a pat on the back for the referee as he comes out to start the Interstate clash.



Ringwood's Under 10 team which won the cup last year after beating Karingal 3-1 in the final.



Gary Gibb, captain of the Under 10's, accepts the cup on behalf of his team.

Coaching Hints

By Zvonimir Rasic



MEET THE BALL

Meet the ball — that's a golden rule in today's soccer, which places more and more emphasis upon speed.

Juniors must be taught not to allow the ball to bounce. They must move to the ball and meet it.

In addition to saving time, meeting the ball prevents injury, because it means you are also breaking away from your opponent.

To enable you to control and relay the ball properly after meeting it, it is necessary to keep practicing.

Mihajl Keri, who is a star with Red Star in Yugoslavia and who is only 19 years old, has this to say:

"I still have to work 10 hours every day to improve all aspects of my game. I would be reading, running, shooting, improving my technique while my friends were having a good time."

To specialize in a certain type of kicking, a suspended ball is invaluable.

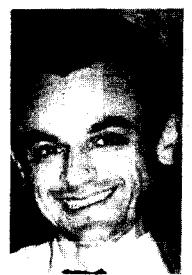
It enables you to hit the ball the same way again and again — something which is not possible while practising with other players.

Then there is practising in pairs. Here you can keep switching from half volleys to full volleys to full instep to outside instep and so on,

according to the way you receive the ball.

My advice is that when practising, you should get as close as possible to a game situation, with the ball and the player moving all the time.

For example, you could have a goalkeeper guarding his goal from two players in front of



Tommy Stankovic

the goal and two players behind it.

The players approach the goal interpassing and one of them shoots. The keeper then turns and gives the ball to the two behind the goal and they do likewise.

Last week we talked about the side-foot pass and its accuracy.

However, we did say this type of pass was

easy for the opponent to predict.

Brazilian players hardly ever use this type of pass. They use the full instep, outside instep or inside instep — all based on ankle movement.

This type of kicking from the ankle is simply a continuation of the movement of driving the ball, and it is tactically valuable.

It contains an element of surprise because of its suddenness.

The best exponent of all types of volley kicks is Tommy Stankovic of J.U.S.T.

I strongly advise you to watch him in action.

One thing is very important. Juniors up to 12 years of age should not be taught the full instep kick with a full-size ball — only with smaller balls.

Players gain flexibility by passing and shooting in different ways and with varying intensity.

Teaching of juniors consists of teaching skills and of general physical education.

But we must remember that youngsters cannot concentrate on one thing for long periods of time.

So to keep their interest we break off into a different activity — preferably a game.

They're tops at Melbourne

Melbourne's juniors are regarded with awe by most other clubs.

Because of good coaching and the boys' dedication; most of Melbourne's teams occupy positions near the top of their respective ladders.

The best of the teams is the Under 12 outfit; which is featured on page 5.

These are some of the stars of the Melbourne Club:



COLIN ALLISON:
under 11; inside forward.
Now in his fourth season
and can still play under 10.
Played main striker
last season scoring 51
goals; 21 with his left.



CHRIS HEMSTROM:
under 13; centre forward;
joined the club on his arrival from Sweden in 1969. Regular goal scorer - represented Victoria as Under 12 in South Australia last year. Scored five goals on the tour.



ATTILA MARTON:
under 11; winger. Now in
his fourth season and still an
under 10. Has unlimited stamina and a great sense of positional play. Has scored many goals with both feet.



JOHN SZANTHO:
under 13; centre half - fifth season with the club. Reliable and fearless in the tackle. Represented Victoria as under 12 in South Australia last year. This year he is the youngest member to be picked for the State under 14 squad.



SEAN ROONEY:
under 11; centre half. Fearless in the tackle and for his age one of the fastest players in the state. Last season scored eight goals by coming forward for the corners.



A Jack Reilly in the making — that's Doncaster Rovers' Under 12s goalkeeper Garry Hancock, pictured training at Doncaster's ground.

Pines, Sandringham in 0-0 draw

Frankston Pines and Sandringham battled out an exciting scoreless draw in the under 15 division on Sunday.

Pines goalkeeper Cadle pulled off a magnificent save in the first half to keep his team in the game.

Both defences played well; with Carter and Palmer both towers of strength for Sandringham.



ANDREW HATVANY:
under 13; inside forward. Tireless worker in the mould of Jimmy MacKay. Broke his wrist this year but was back to training after three days.

Action at Doncaster



Scott Crowley of Doncaster's Under 12s has spotted a team-mate making position and wastes no time in delivering the ball. Scott is one of Doncaster's most dangerous forwards.

RESULTS

UNDER 8.
Karingal 2 v. Peninsula 0; Seaford Yellow 8 v. Bayswater B 0.

SOUTH.

Waverley 11 v. Clayton 0; Peninsula 5 v. Frankston Pines 2; Springvale 9 v. Hakoah 0; Frankston City 0 v. Melbourne 4.

UNDER 14.

Broadmeadows v. Brunswick; Rosanna v. George Cross; Fawkner 1 v. Juventus 2.

WEST.

Sunshine City 2 v. Altona 7; Albion Rovers 0 v. Footscray JUST 4.

SOUTH DIV. 1.

Frankston Pines v. Karingal; Bayswater 4 v. Seaford pp.; Croydon B 1 v. Doveton 4.

SOUTH DIV. 2.

Clayton - v. Karingal w.o.; Ringwood City Wilh. 0 v. Melbourne 0; Croydon A 2 v. Doncaster 1.

UNDER 11.

NORTH WEST.
St. Albans 4 v. Lions 0; Our Ladies v. Footscray JUST w-o; Sunshine Hts. 3 v. Melton 0.

UNDER 15.

STATE LEAGUE.
Ringwood City Wilh. 2 v. Hakoah 0; Footscray JUST 6 v. Melbourne 1.

WEST.

Waverley City 0 v. Doncaster 4; Seaford 0 v. Doveton 11; S.M.Hellas w-o Mooroolbark; Did not turn up.

SOUTH.

Frankston City 0 v. Ringwood City Wilh. 1; Karingal 0 v. Melbourne 4; Peninsula v. Doncaster; Seaford 0 v. Waverley; Box Hill 3 v. Frankston Pines 3.

UNDER 12.

WEST.
Werribee 0 v. Elwood Australia 5; S.M.Hellas 4 v. Albion Rovers 0; Sunshine City 1 v. Keilor City 2.

UNDER 16.

Erlham v. Broadmeadows; Juventus v. George Cross.

SOUTH.

Croydon 10 v. Eltham 1; Bayswater 2 v. Juventus 2; Doncaster 4 v. Greensborough 0; Ringwood City Wilh. 9 v. Rosanna 0.

NORTH.

Karingal 4 v. Chadstone 0; Seaford 0 v. Doveton 2; Mooroolbark 0 v. Hakoah 0; Croatia 0 v. Melbourne 16.

UNDER 13.

NORTH.
Box Hill v. Diamond Creek; Greensborough w-o v. Heidelberg. Did not show; Rosanna v. Lions; Croatia 5 v. Maribyrnong Triest. 0.

WEST.

Sunshine Hts. 1 v. Altona 1; Werribee 6 v. Corio 0 (w-o); St. Albans 2 v. Corio 1.

UNDER 17.

SOUTH.
Frankston City v. Croatia; Karingal 0 v. Dandenong 6; Waverley City 0 v. Doncaster 2.

NORTH WEST.

Footscray JUST v. George Cross; Moreland v. Heidelberg; Keilor City v. Juventus.

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Hakoah 2
Slavia 1

(O'Neill, pen. 44,
Jones (S) 49,
Clarey 85)

Despite complete dominance by Hakoah, relegation-bound Slavia came within a hair's breadth of forcing a draw.

Because Bill Kerr, Alan Jo, Tony Harris, George Little and Russell Steele failed to show up, Slavia ended with a makeshift forward line, which included reserves Peter Crawley and Ray Taylor. Goalkeeper Mike O'Hara was sent off the field after giving away a penalty kick that was converted by Jim O'Neill in the 44th minute.

Crawley left the forward line to take over in goal and saved Slavia from a bigger defeat.

Hakoah should have vamped the 10-man Slavia in the second half if it played poorly and tickled the imagination to break the nine-man fence.

John O'Neill, 1200m, argued, "I played another standing game and will be in the running for this year's award."

Slavia, which never tested an influence in midfield, went forwardly twice and scored a goal through the busy Andy Jones.

Hakoah's Alan Stenhouse as the best of the linkmen but the forwards failed to capitalise on his efforts.

For Slavia, Sandy Jones was the best worker and in Train was steady in defence.

Hakoah was without full back David Baker, who was ill.

Votes:
Hakoah: 3. O'Neill, 2. Stenhouse, 1. Cameron.

Slavia: 3. Jones, 2. Train, 1. Crawley.

Teams:
HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Gadsby, Bridgeman, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Fry, Waalijk, Clarey, Portwood, Cameron, Coach - Jim Adams, Manager - John Train.
SLAVIA: O'Hara, Jones, Shredder, Zanita, Train, Schleicher, McCullum, O'Neill, Kempsey, Crawley, Taylor.

—JOE MAJOR

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WARD RUSMIR
(Ringwood C.) (Footscray)

MACKAY
(Croatia)

OKKINOS BROWN
(th. Melb.) (Fitzroy)

WESTERN SUBURBS TO TAKE ON BIG BOYS

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Western Suburbs-ICI will on Saturday become the first Third Division team in more than 20 years to do battle in the last 16 of the Dockerty Cup.

Western Suburbs, formed last year by amalgamation between West Sunshine and Deer Park-ICI, will do battle with Croatia at Middle Park at 1 p.m.

Currently second on the Third Division ladder, but with four games in hand, Western Suburbs is coached by former Hellas goalkeeper Savvas Kagioglou and features former Hellas junior George Maikousis, who is starring in attack.

Unfortunately there is practically no hope of Western Suburbs beating Croatia and progressing to the quarter finals.

The difference in class is simply too great.

Jimmy MacKay, supported by Horst Rau who will probably return to the team after an injury, will run riot in midfield and shake off his shadowers and Billy Vojtek will have too much guile for Frank Bradley, Bill Kane, Dimitrios Liosios and company.

Willie Armour, who was bought from George Cross for a large fee early back after a cartilage operation and will appreciate the match practice.

The other Metropolitan League clubs left in the competition are Box Hill and Keilor City, both of First Division.

The Geelong, Ballarat and Districts Association is represented by Bell Park which is in fifth place in First Division.

Box Hill will meet Melbourne and Bell Park and Keilor City will play each other.

GEORGE CROSS v. JUVENUTS
(Middle Park, Sat., 2.45)

George Cross had its confidence boosted by the 1-0 victory over Ringwood City but it'll take more than confidence to beat League leader Juvenuts.

Horst Friedeberg won't have the same freedom in midfield that he had against Ringwood because Keith Webster and Gareth Salisbury couldn't repeat their poor performances last week against Polonia.

Tommy McColl will be eligible for selection after his week of suspension and he is likely to replace Dino DeMarchi in the team.

Tommy Robertson, who's replaced Ken Patterson as the Cross' coach, will face his first test but failing it will by no means be a black mark against his record.

There's talent all through the Keilor line-up

LIONS v. FITZROY
(Olympic Park, Sat., 1 p.m.)

Former Ayr United forward David McGuinness has added punch to Lions' front line but Jimmy Mangopoulos and Ron Brown, supported by newcomer Biliguras will capitalise on Lions' poor defence to take the points.

It's a shame that Tommy Roseweir can't be spared from the defence to add his knowledge up front because his organising ability is badly needed.

Nick Rakovalis returned to the Fitzroy side last week and played a great game. He deserves to be selected again because he is one of Melbourne's most promising young players.

HAKOAH
(Olympic Park, Sat., 2.45)

Footscray found its feet in the second half against Melbourne last week and on that form should swamp a struggling Hakoah.

But Footscray has not been showing its best against weaker teams so it is unlikely that there will be much sparkling soccer in this game.

John O'Neill is playing in top form and is keeping the Hakoah defence together but the poor support he is getting won't be enough to keep Branko Buljevic and Slobodan Zoraj at bay.

Zoraja missed about five sitters against Melbourne and the law of averages says he must break through on Saturday.

He and Buljevic are two of the most closely marked men in the league but Hakoah has only one man capable of holding them — O'Neill.

BELL PARK v. KEILOR CITY
(Middle Park, Sun., 1.30)

Keilor City, which on past performances deserves to be in State League, will have an easy game against Bell Park and should progress to the quarter finals.

There's talent all through the Keilor line-up

and it's all local talent. It's unfortunate that stopper Billy Szewczuk has been out injured for so long because his standing in Kajik Klain would add even more punch to the attack.

Klain's brother Wally, who is the only Metropolitan League player in the State under 23 squad, is one of the most talented youngsters in Melbourne and probably the most intelligent forward in the Metro League.

John Grady, who recently scored four goals against Elwood Austria, is a star in the making, and is comparable to Melbourne's Billy Rogers.

But like Rogers, he needs better ball control.

Linkmen, Bob Kupicz and Eddy Kupicz are both dynamic players and should be able to take full

charge of the play and full back Guenter Gerick steady in defence. Keilor should coast to a relatively easy victory.

SOUTH MELB. v. POLONIA
(Middle Park, Sun., 3.15)

Marek Konopka, Poland's star import from Garbana in Poland will make his debut in this game as stopper.

Konopka, 30, has the credentials of a champion and will prove a stumbling block to Ulysses Kokkinos.

If Joe Zurawski is fit again, he will move to the forward line where his strength and experience are badly needed.

Zurawski, goalkeeper Miroslaw Litwin and link-



Hellas goalkeeper Dick Stephens foils Alexander forward Markus

BOX HILL v. MELBOURNE
(Jubilee Park, Sun., 1.30)

man Guenter Gerick have all played against Konopka in Poland.

Last week's sweeper Mike Olinowski might also lend his talent to the forward line, leaving a defence of Knot, Marmur, Konopka and Sowula.

Despite added drive from British newcomer Ian Marshall, I don't think South Melbourne will overcome the enthusiasm of the young Maribyrnong side and the added determination that will be provided by the inclusion of Konopka.

Kokkinos tends to hold the ball too long and cut his fellow forwards out of the play. If Konopka can beat him man for man and distribute the ball to advantage, Polonia will get the opportunity for quick breakaways.

Brown and Peter Craig but Melbourne has much more class, polish and State coach Zvonimir Rasic.

SLAVIA v. RINGWOOD CITY
(Jubilee Park, Sun., 3.15)

Slavia's troubles have been added to by the non-attendance of a number of its first team players.

There is no system and little talent at Slavia and despite its defensive attitude, it won't stop a flood of goals from Wim Spijkermann, Brian Edgley, Freddy Bunce, David Pygall, Mike Pye and probably the defenders as well.



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Carlton	12	5	3	4	21	12	13
Polonia	12	4	3	5	21	11	11
Fitzroy	12	3	3	6	19	22	9
George Crs	12	3	3	6	15	23	9
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Lions	12	1	3	8	16	36	5
P.M. Slavia	12	0	4	8	7	25	4

Metropolitan round-up — with George Yelland

KEILOR CLINCHES PLACE IN DOCKERTY CUP 16

Keilor City clinched last place in the Dockerty Cup final 16 when they defeated Elwood Austria 2-0, last Sunday.

The replay was scheduled for the Keilor ground at St. Albans but 10 teams are playing on it this season and recent heavy rains have converted it into a quagmire. Keilor Secretary; Bob Smolinski; made a late arrangement to play the game at Green Gully and records his appreciation of the facilities provided by the Green Gully Ajax Club.

Playing with the wind behind them and down the gentle slope, Austria applied plenty of pressure in the first half but Zenon Golouski in goal was in superb form for Keilor.

Both teams missed good opportunities and were scoreless at the interval.

Austria came out full of determination and subjected Keilor's defence to tremendous pressure.

In the 55th. minute; Keilor broke away to take the lead.

A shot hit an upright headed the rebound into the net.

Austria's bubble burst and Keilor got well on top.

In the 70th. minute; Joe Szczepaniak fastened on to a glorious pass from John

Grady and crashed home Keilor's second goal. Frank Petersen played a "blinder" for Austria. One save; from a Bob Kupic 25 yards rocket; was of international class.

Keilor ran out worthy winners and must start favorite to enter the last eight when they meet Geelong side Bell Park at Middle Park in the first game on Sunday.

Top three clubs in first division; Box Hill, Preston Macclesfield and Elwood Austria, had good wins last week to maintain their places at the head of the ladder.

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came with Yalourn holding a narrow 2-1 lead.

After 10 minutes in the second half, Waverley moved on the glorious free kick by Brian Anderson was nodded home by Szabo to give Yalourn a comfortable lead.

Colin Walker, Ian Petrie and Horst Mayer starred for Waverley who, though beaten, were not disgraced.

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They also missed a penalty when Vic Finey shot straight at Dennis Ruecroft.

Park Rangers gave a much improved display although without the services of Bobby McNamee and Ken Mitchell, injured in training.

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Both players scored again before the interval and Broadmeadows made it 4-1.

In the second half Lee and Szczepaniak completed individual hat-tricks.

John Lee, Dennis Szczepaniak, Mike Hand and Tony Tunstall were best for Ellithan, who are now well clear, as Mornington shocked Newport and Melbourne University downed North Carlton Olympic.

Parkville wants players

District League club, Parkville Cedars, in their first season of competition, are short of experienced players.

Mr. Obeid, club president, says that they represent the Lebanese Community but would welcome players of any nationality.

Their ground is the No. 6 oval at Princes Park, just north of the Melbourne University pitch.

They are desperate for four or five good men, mainly forwards.

Mr. Obeid can be contacted in the daytime on 64-0331, extension 331, or at his home, 62 Alexandra Parade, Fitzroy.

Club rooms are at 305-307 Nicholson Street, Carlton and are open after 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

The team, which plays competition games on Sundays, trains between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Saturdays.

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